MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: For want of funds.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:- May I know the nature of the improvements effected on some of the portions of the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Some amount of widening and levelling has been done.

Ferry boat at the Kanjirakattu bend in the river Pampa.

54. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a representation dated 25th of Edavam 1112 from the inhabitants of Pandanad east and Pandanad Kottayam *karas* in Tiruvalla taluk for sanctioning ferry boat at the Kanjirakattu bend in the river Pampa just opposite to the newly opened Government school; and

(*b*) the action taken on the representation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer is enquiring into it.

The Aykad Bridge.

55. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the newly constructed Aykad bridge on he Chengannur-Aranmula road was opened for traffic;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the two cracks about 5 inches in width on both sides at the southern end of the bridge; and

(*c*) whether the P. W. D. has taken any steps to avert the danger arising from the defect referred to in part (*b*)?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT:

(*a*) 21-6-1937.

(*b*) The masonry abutment has sunk about ¾" and there are cracks on the main abutment and the pilasters.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: What steps have been taken to repair the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: We are waiting for the floods to subside to do some roveting work to one approach.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: What will be the approximate cost of such work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I cannot say until we decide on the exact nature of the work to be done.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know who was the officer responsible for this loss?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: There is no loss. The fact of the matter is that the abutment on one side had sunk about three-fourth inch. It has nothing to do with the bridge actually. The abutment is ooly a revetment to the approach of the bridge.

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